

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/19490

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : F25J 1/00, 3/00; C07C 7/00
 US CL : 62/620, 631, 53.2

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 62/620, 631, 53.2, 45.1, 46.1, 48.1, 50.5

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
 None

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

None

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 4,430,103 A (GRAY et al) 07 February 1984 (07.02.1984), see figures and abstract- particularly the last sentence.	1-3,5-12,14,15,17-20
Y	US 6,564,579 B1 (MCCARTNEY) 20 May 2003 (20.05.2003), see figures 2,5 and 6.	1-3,5-12,14,15,17-20
A	US 3,663,644 A (HARVEY) 16 May 1972 (16.05.1972), see figures.	1-20
A	US 6,510,706 B2 (STONE et al) 28 January 2003 (28.01.2003) see figure.	1-20
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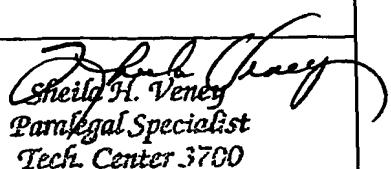
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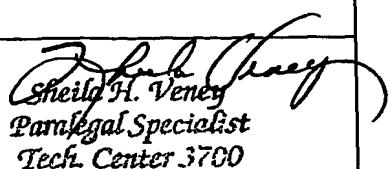
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